

## THE MAINE LEGISLATURE.

## Organization of the Legitimate Houses Last Night.

The People's Representatives in Possession of Both Houses—A Regular Organization Effected—Quorum in Either Branch—The Judiciary Asked to Decide the Controversy—Armed Men.

## Lansom Proclaimed Acting Governor.

AUGUSTA, ME., Jan. 12.—On the assembling of the Senate this morning President Lansom sent a letter announcing that he had assumed the duties of Governor. The letter is the same as that telegraphed last night. Senator Ellis, of Waldo, was chosen as president pro tempore. The committee on gubernatorial election reported that the following voters were thrown out of the election held in September: Whole number of votes, 138,507; necessary for a choice, 69,404. Daniel F. Davis received 65,700; John L. Smith 47,648; Alonzo Garcelon 21,844; Eben Bradley 20,311; Daniel F. Davis 200. The remainder are scattering. The constitutional candidates are Daniel F. Davis, Joseph L. Smith, Alonzo Garcelon and Eben Bradley. On the evening of January 11, the Senate held a joint convention for the purpose of qualifying on the acts of the Governor, there was some serious discussion by Messrs. Locke, Barker and Strickland. The joint convention was formed, and in the presence of the Secretary of State and several members of the council John D. Lansom took the oath, and was proclaimed as acting Governor of the State of Maine. But sixty members were present in the House, and that body adjourned without the transaction of any business.

## AN ORDER FROM GENERAL CHAMBERLAIN.

AUGUSTA, ME., Jan. 12.—General Chamberlain has issued the following order:

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## Performance Enjoyed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Judge Chouteau, in the United States Circuit court, granted an injunction this morning, restraining Mr. Flanagan from performing at the Metropolitan theatre in the play entitled "The Poor of New York." The cutting out of the "fire scene" in particular takes away the principal sensation in the piece.

## Suicide in a Prison Cell.

DOVER, N. J., Jan. 10.—Joseph Haifer, of Andalusia, Bucks county, was committed to jail last Sunday evening on the charge of murdering Jacob Geber, by shooting him, in an attack on the latter's residence. His wife and child called to see him this morning, but when his cell door was opened he was found dead in bed, having cut his throat from ear to ear.

## Billy McNeill Indicted.

FREDERICKSBURG, Jan. 12.—The grand jury to-day found a true bill against Billy McNeill, charged with the murder of John J. McNeill, a member of the Nevada, who is absent from the city, as it is generally understood that a full effort will be made to get the Hayard financial resolution out of the Senate.

## Mr. Bayard said to a NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

Mr. Bayard said to a NATIONAL REPUBLICAN representative yesterday, that he should certainly call the resolution up to-day for action. He wanted to get it before the committee, and as it was a well-known fact that there would be a majority and a minority report, he thought there would be no opposition to his doing so. He said he would stand by the resolution, and would not be without Senator Bayard—three Democrats—Mr. Kernan, Mr. Wallace and myself, and one Republican, Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, favoring him. The Democrats and the Republicans are against it.

## The Virginia Oyster War.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 12.—Governor Holliday to-day transmitted to the General Assembly petitions from the people and officials of the State, praying for protection from the marauding oystermen, who have invaded the Rappahannock river in armed vessels and driven citizens from the oyster beds. In consequence of the oyster war, two citizens have been killed. The papers were referred to the committee on police for immediate action.

## Mississippi Democratic Caucus.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 12.—The Democratic caucus is in session. The fourth ballot resulted—Barkdale, 555; Walthall, 395; Singleton, 40; George, 1.

## The caucus adjourned after 21 ballots.

last standing, Barkdale, 54; Walthall, 38; Singleton, 40; scattering, 4. Barkdale received as high as 58 on the sixth ballot. Much interest is manifested, but no ill feeling exists.

## Rough Weather on the Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The steamer Arragon, which arrived here from Bristol, had fine weather to Cape Clear, thence experienced heavy southwest to northwest gales with terrific squalls, amounting at times to a hurricane. January 8 a heavy sea broke on board, carrying away rails and stanchions, lifted the starboard life-boat out of the chocks and stove the quarter boat in pieces; also stove in the fore part of the hull. The vessel was forced to anchor, and the captain and crew were taken on board. The vessel was damaged.

## Confirmation.

The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following appointments: George B. Calkins, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

## United States Attorneys—Charles S. Varian,

for the District of Nevada; John K. Valentine, for the District of Oregon; and John H. McNeill, for the District of Idaho.

## Captain of Revenue Service of the United States—First Lieutenant John C. Mitchell.

Postmaster—Miss Fannie G. Culbert, at Franklin, New Hampshire.

## The Senate at 4:30 p. m., adjourned.

The Senate also confirmed the nomination of Captain Homer C. Blake to be a commodore in the United States Navy.

## The House at 4:30 p. m., adjourned.

Mr. Hale's resolution was adopted unanimously, and a report of Portland, L. Hitchcock, of Lewiston, and Silas C. Hatch, of Bangor, were appointed as the committee. The following is the resolution seating the six members who had been counted out:

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